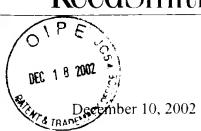
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 10, 2002, Applicants submit the following documents in connection with the above-identified application:

> Response to Office Action; 1.

2. Petition and Fee for Extension of Time Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) (in duplicate);

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any papers and/or fees referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being

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- a check for \$920.00 to cover the \$920.00 extension of time fee for three (3) months (large entity); and
- 4. a self-addressed stamped postcard, return of which is requested to acknowledge receipt of this paper, and the papers and/or fees referred to herein as transmitted, submitted or enclosed.

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